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- 1. IN A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH LE MONDE'S ROME CORRESPONDENT, L'UNITA SPECIAL FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT JACOVIELLO DEFENDED HIS PUBLICATION (ALSO IN LE MONDE) OF AN UNAUTHORIZED ARTICLE ON CHINA WHICH WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE SOVIET UNION AND, BY IMPLICATION, OF HIS OWN PARTY. THE WEEKEND PRESS PUBLISHED LARGE EXTRACTS OF JACOVIELLO'S REJOINDER, ADDING FUEL TO THE CONTROVERSY.
- 2. ASKED ABOUT HIS PRESENT RELATIONS WITH HIS PARTY, JACOVIELLO READILY ADMITTED THAT HE HAD "NATURALLY HAD A DISCUSSION" WITH THE UNITA EDITOR; THERE WOULD "PROBABLY BE OTHERS WITH OTHER COMRADES." HE ALSO SAID THAT OTHERS AT UNITA AVOIDED SPEAKING TO HIM, AN ATTITUDE WHICH HE INTERPRETED AS CRITICISM OF HIS "INDISCIPLINE." JACOVIELLO HOPED THAT IT DID NOT REFLECT "THE RESIDUAL ASPECTS OF THE DARK MOMENTS OF THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT."

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3. JACOVIELLO SAID HIS ASSIGNMENT TO THE UNITED STATES (AS

UNITA CORRESPONDENT) HAD NOT CHANGED: "I'M STILL WAITING FOR THE VISA." (NOTE: SEVERAL PAPERS POINTED OUT THAT THE "US AUTHORITIES HAD NOT APPROVED THE VISA").

4. L'UNITA BRIEFLY NOTED JACOVIELLO'S NEW LE MONDE INTERVIEW IN ITS SEPT. 18 EDITION WITHOUT MENTIONING THE DISSIDENT JOURNALIST'S DISCUSSION OF PARTY DISCIPLINE. THE L'UNITA PIECE LIMITED ITS COMMENT TO JACOVIELLO'S STATEMENT THAT HIS OPINIONS DIDN'T REFLECT THOSE OF HIS NEWSPAPER OR PARTY, AND THE FACT THAT JACOVIELLO DIDN'T DENY L'UNITA'S VIEW THAT THEY REPRESENTED "DISTORTIONS" OF THE PCI LINE. VOLPE

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